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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Office of Strategic Research

SUBJECT : Review of OSR Research Program

REFERENCES : a. OSR Research Program, [redacted] Jan 1970⁶⁹
b. NPIC Memorandum, [redacted] 21 November 1970

We have reviewed the OSR Research Program for Last Half FY 1970 - First Half FY 1971. We endorse the objectives and scope of the research programs, and we suggest two subjects for additional research. These are as follows:

a. There is continuing development of passive defense measures in the USSR. Photo intelligence continues to show hardening of air warning and other military facilities. If this trend continues, the subject might be worthy of an in-depth study aimed at identifying the dimensions of the effort in cost, policy and Soviet attitude.

b. The development of Soviet military presence in the Middle East is another subject of vital interest and is worthy of attention in future OSR research programs. The Soviets appear to be guiding development of various naval and air facilities in these countries, which suggests that the Soviets might be able to locate and design the facilities for future Soviet use. For example, the relatively extensive development of airfields and airstrips in Iraq noted in photography is worthy of study by OSR because of their proximity to the Soviet Union and the limited need for such facilities by present Iraqi forces.

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Executive Director

National Photographic Interpretation Center

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